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11 In re: application of: Lydia Drews-Nicolai et. al. November 9, 2004  
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Filed: 08/08/03 Examiner: Shalie A. Manlove  
For: Method for the surface treatment of a titanium dioxide pigment

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO EXAMINER'S COMMENTS**

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

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In response to the Office Action dated 8/10/04, please amend the above-identified application as follows: